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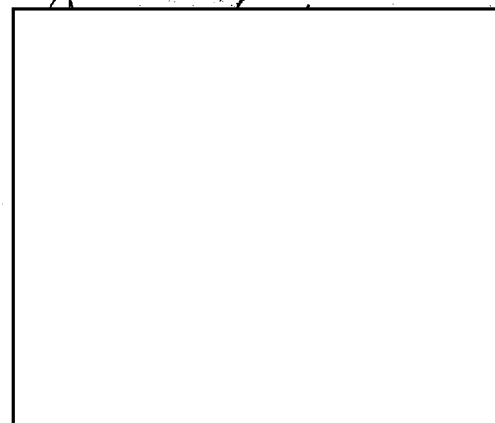
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FOR TRIAL COUNSEL, U. S. VS. DECHAMPLAIN

SUBJECT: DECHAMPLAIN COURT MARTIAL

REF: A. 13TH AIR FORCE MESSAGE 230353Z OCT 71
B. BANGKOK 14378

1. ORIGINAL MEMCON REQUESTED IN TELECON CAPT. WHITNEY,
13TH AF, AND COLONEL LEWIS, EMBASSY, BANGKOK, 27 OCTOBER,
HAS BEEN FORWARDED VIA OSI CLARK AIR BASE.

2. STATE DEPARTMENT HAS DIRECTED IMMEDIATE RE-ASSIGNMENT
OF DCM NEWMAN TO WASHINGTON. MINISTER NEWMAN'S
IMMINENT DEPARTURE MAKES ATTENDANCE AT COURT-MARTIAL AT GUAM,
REQUESTED REF A, AND SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 8, A PERSONAL
HARDSHIP FOR INDIVIDUAL. TRANSFER OF DCM AND AMBASSADOR'S
RECENT RETURN TO POST ALSO PRECLUDE LATTER'S APPEARANCE
AT TRIAL. REQUEST YOUR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF
ALTERNATE SOURCE OF EVIDENCE WHICH COUNSEL PLANS TO OBTAIN
FROM TESTIMONY OF MINISTER.

3. TESTIMONY OF LTC. HUNTER, OSI DISTRICT 51, APPEARS
TO PRESENT POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING EVIDENCE TO SHOW
APPROVAL OF CLASSIFICATION OF THE DOCUMENT TO WHICH
NEWMAN'S TESTIMONY WOULD RELATE. FURTHER, COL. ALBERT
H. WARD, JR., USAF, FROM THE EMBASSY, MAY ALSO BE
AVAILABLE IF HIS TESTIMONY COULD SUBSTITUTE FOR THAT OF
DCM. IF COL. WARD'S APPEARANCE IS REQUIRED WE ASSUME

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THE FUND CITATION CONTAINED REF A MAY BE USED FOR HIS
TRAVEL IN MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

4. IN VIEW OF URGENCY OF DCM'S DEPARTURE, REQUEST
EARLIEST DECISION ON ALTERNATE WITNESS.

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